

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 517

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the operations and usefulness of the Regulation of Health Professions Act, sections 71-6201 to 72-6229. The act has been in existence for twenty-five years and has never been revisited by the Legislature despite significant changes in the health care field and in the delivery of health care. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Is the act, known as the 407 program, fulfilling its original purpose of providing for the Legislature valuable information for the purpose of making informed legislative decisions regarding the licensure and scope of practice of regulated health professionals;

(2) Are provisions and procedures utilized by the Division of Public Health in administering the act fair and impartial to the parties involved in the reviews;

(3) Are the criteria set out in law for the review of proposals for initial licensure of a health profession and the expansion of the scope of practice of an already licensed health profession central to the interests and concerns of the Legislature in the review and consideration of such proposals;

(4) Are the well-being and safety of consumers adequately

reflected by the review criteria in statute as administered by the Division of Public Health and are those interests appropriately balanced in relation to advantages of enabling consumer access to new services, technology, or providers; and

(5) The act authorized the Division of Public Health to promulgate regulations for the conduct of 407 reviews, though such regulations have never been promulgated. Would the 407 program be well served by the promulgation of such regulations at this time.

The study may involve interested parties, both public and private, and should include at least one public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the 407 program and the history and adequacy of its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature and shall prepare for introduction in the One Hundred Second Legislature such legislation as may be appropriate.